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1. The reply filed on 9-10-04 is not fully responsive to the prior Office Action because of the following omission(s) or matter(s):

a) The reply filed 9-10-04 is improper under 37 C.F.R. 1.121 because specification amendments were made without the replacement paragraphs having the appropriate mark-ups to show the changes made relative to the immediate prior version. In the replacement paragraph for the paragraph that begins on page 11, line 19, lines 6-7 of this replacement paragraph state "...*transmitted* to the stepper memory 123 at step 406." However, in the original specification, this same portion indicated "...**stored at** the stepper memory 123 at step 406." Thus, an amendment was made here without the markings to show that "stored at" was deleted and the markings to show the addition of "transmitted to". In addition, the last sentence of this replacement paragraph states "The stepper location array...is also transmitted to the scanner memory...by means known in the art at step 411." However, this sentence at the end of this paragraph was not in the original corresponding paragraph in the original specification and there is no underlining to show that this subject matter is being added. In addition, there does not appear to be a "step 411" in either the drawings or the specification. The same type of problem also occurs in the replacement paragraph for page 14, line 15. The last sentence of this replacement paragraph states "The stepper location array...is also transmitted to the scanner memory...by means known in the art at step 811.". However, this sentence at the end of this paragraph was not in the original corresponding

paragraph in the original specification and there is no underlining to show that this subject matter is being added. In addition, there does not appear to be a "step 811" in either the drawings or the specification. Appropriate correction is required.


b) The specification amendments section of the reply has an amendment "Replace the paragraph beginning on page 12 at line 19..." however the original specification paragraph that corresponds to this is located at line 18 on page 12. The specification amendments section of the reply has an amendment "Replace the paragraph beginning on page 14 at line 15..." however the original specification paragraph that corresponds to this is located at line 14 on page 14. Appropriate correction is required.

2. See 37 CFR 1.111. Since the above-mentioned reply appears to be *bona fide*, applicant is given **ONE (1) MONTH or THIRTY (30) DAYS** from the mailing date of this notice, whichever is longer, within which to supply the omission or correction in order to avoid abandonment. **EXTENSIONS OF THIS TIME PERIOD MAY BE GRANTED UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a).**

3. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Hal D Wachsman whose telephone number is 571-272-2225. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday to Friday 7:00 A.M. to 4:30 P.M..

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Marc Hoff can be reached on 571-272-2216. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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